

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

Presiding Officer, Chris Connealy, at 9:30 a.m. called the January 29, 2009 meeting of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to order at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Room 1-104, Austin, Texas.

Attending	Les Bunte Rhea Cooper Micheal Melton Kent Worley	Jane Burch Yusuf Farran* Arthur Pertile, III	Elroy Carson* Jody Gonzalez* John Riddle*	Chris Connealy John Gillette Kelley Stalder	
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\*absent entire meeting  
\*\*absent part of meeting

Staff	Gary L. Warren, Sr. Ana Muñoz	Jake Soteriou Miles Skipper	Deborah Cowan Jim Crowson, Assistant Attorney General	Dianne Hudson
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Guests	Tim Gothard Tim Hunter Amado Cano Adrian Garcia	Ken Dozier Kyle Mitchell Mike Hunt Brent Smith	Jim Schultz Cary Roccaforte Tim Gardner Raymond Murray	Elsa Salinas Paul Maldonado Chris Barron	Laura Egria Jim Reidy Mike Jones
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1. Roll call                      Presiding Officer Chris Connealy called roll and 9 of 13 commissioners were present. Mr. Connealy also welcomed the two newly appointed commissioners Rhea Cooper and Micheal Melton to the commission.
2. Election of Officers                      A motion to nominate Elroy Carson as the Assistant Presiding Officer was made by Kelley Stalder and seconded by Art Pertile, III. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)

A motion to nominate John Kelley Gillette, III as the Secretary was made by Kent Worley and seconded by Art Pertile, III. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)
3. Adoption of Minutes                      A motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 commission meeting was made by Les Bunte and seconded by John Gillette. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)
4. Subcommittee Meetings                      The Budget and Strategic Plan subcommittees met jointly to review the agency's operating budget and Strategic Plan.
5. Budget and Strategic Plan Subcommittee Reports                      No action necessary.
6. Reports from Marshals' Fire Service Interest Groups                      Brief reports were given by the State Fire Marshal's Office, the State Firemen's and Fire Association, the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, and the Texas Fire Chief's Association
7. Report from Fire Service School Advisory Board & TEEX                      Commission representative, Michael Hunt gave a brief update on activities since last meeting.
8. New Matters                      Additional certifications (Fire Officer III, & Fire Officer IV, Incident Safety Officer) Sunset Review Process

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9. Future Meeting Dates      Next meeting scheduled for April 30, 2009 beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
Workshop scheduled for April 29, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Meeting scheduled for July 9, 2009 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
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10. Matters from Fire Fighter Advisory Committee
- A. 1. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 421, §421.5 as discussed was made by Kent Worley and seconded by Kelley Stalder. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)
  - 2. A motion to approve for final adoption the proposed amendments to 37 TAC Chapter 435, §435.1 as discussed was made by Les Bunte and seconded by Rhea Cooper. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)
  - B. No action necessary.
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11. Appointment of Representative to Texas Homeland Security Council      A motion to appoint Chris Connealy as the new commission representative to the Texas Homeland Security Council was made by Les Bunte and seconded by Art Pertile, III. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)
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12. Approval of Additional Classes/Courses to A&B List      A motion to approve the addition of classes/courses to the A & B List for higher levels of certification was made by Kent Worley and seconded by Micheal Melton. The motion carried (9 for, 4 absent)
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13. Review of Appointments to Fire Fighter Advisory Committee      The commission directed staff to post notice to seek applications for membership on the fire fighter advisory committee with a deadline of March 20, 2009. The commission will review all applications at its April 30, 2009 commission meeting.
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14. Development of on-line testing      Jake Soteriou, Director of Standard & Certification Division gave a brief history on testing issues to date. No action necessary
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15. Staff update on Committee Activities      Jake Soteriou noted that the agency had not attended any NFPA meetings. He stated that Mollie Clakley would be attending the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress meeting in April.
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16. Matters from Executive Director
- a. Mr. Warren informed commissioners there were no consent orders during the last quarter.
  - b. Mr. Warren gave a brief update on agency activities since the October 2008 commission meeting. He stated the agency had conducted the training requirements for the new commissioners. He introduced Amy Baillergeron, the agency's new Budget Analyst from the Office of the Governor. He also reported the agency conducted its annual compliance training in conjunction with an agency-wide meeting and holiday party in December. He informed the commissioners the agency was scheduled to meet with the Senate Finance Committee on February 19, 2009. He stated there had been no word from the House Appropriations Committee on hearings to date. He also reported that the executive office continues to track and review all bills filed during the session.
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17. Classification Study of Exempt Positions      After discussion, no action taken.

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18. Executive Session      Presiding Officer, Chris Connealy called the Executive Session at 2:41 p.m.

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19. Open Session      Open session resumed at 2:57 p.m. No action necessary

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20. Adjournment      Presiding Officer Chris Connealy adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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Chris Connealy, Presiding Officer